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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Supplemental Amendment filed September 14, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9,11,15-17,19-34,37,39-46,53-62,64-69,72,74-77,79-81,83-86,88,90,91,93-98,100-106,108,112-114,116-122,124-131,134,136,137,140,142-144,146 and 148.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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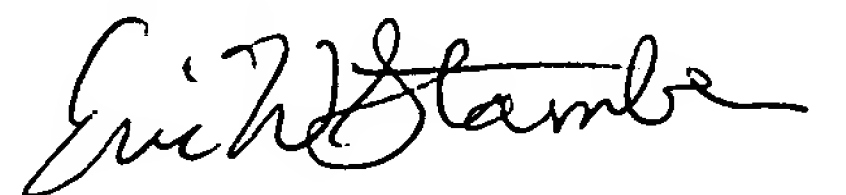
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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This supplemental Notice of Allowance is to rectify dependency issues present in the original Notice of Allowance dated September 28, 2006
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Loretta Smith on December 21, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a. Claim 83 (Renumbered to Claim 62) has been changed to depend on Claim 81 (Renumbered to Claim 61)
 - b. Claim 94 (Renumbered to Claim 70) has been changed to depend on Claim 91 (Renumbered to Claim 68).
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art was found which discloses the use of stocks or other investment vehicles in an incentive award program (Kalina: U.S. Patent Number: 6,243,688). This reference encompasses investment vehicles that are equity in the incentive program itself, since it is understood that common stock can be issued in an entity whose sole purpose is the administration of an incentive program. Additionally, the Kalina

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reference covers investment vehicles created by carving out portions of an ongoing business entity and issuing stock said carved out portion of the business entity since this is a well known financing operation. Additionally, the applicant has admitted that the formula provided in the claims is well known.

However, prior art was not found that discloses the use of the formula as a distribution mechanism for either common stock or an incentive program when a customer first chooses the incentive option that is equity in the equity program itself and then receives the incentive award based upon the formula as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Van Bramer whose telephone number is (571) 272-8198. The examiner can normally be reached on 6am - 4pm Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on (571) 272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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